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particles useful in the invention are disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,128 of Lawrence et al., Ink Jet Printing Method, filed January 26, 2001, <sup>now USPN 6,454,404</sup> and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,127 of Lawrence et al., Ink Jet Printing Method, filed January 26, 2001, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

### In the Claims

Please rewrite Claims 1-3 as follows:

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1(amended). An ink jet recording element comprising a support having thereon a porous image-receiving layer comprising particles of fumed alumina, a poly(vinyl alcohol) binder and a crosslinking agent, said particles having a primary particle size of from about 7 to about 40 nm in diameter which may be aggregated up to about 300 nm, and said crosslinking agent being present in an amount of at least 20 weight % of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder.

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2(amended). The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said crosslinking agent is present in an amount of at least 40 weight % of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder.

3(amended). The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said crosslinking agent is present in an amount of at least 50 weight % of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder.

Please cancel claims 9-13.

### **REMARKS**

Applicants' attorney would like to thank Examiner Schwartz for the courtesy of an interview which was held on August 14, 2002. The substance of the discussion at the interview is incorporated into the remarks herein.

This application relates to a porous ink jet recording element containing fumed alumina particles.

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Tokunaga et al. (US 6,403,162). This rejection is